

found allowable. The Office raises a rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, and also raises several objections as to form.

Claim 7 is rejected for indefiniteness under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, based on the phrase "wherein W1 and W2" at the end of the claim. The Office notes that because of this phrase, Claim 7 is essentially incomplete. With the instant amendment, the Applicants have deleted this phrase from Claim 7. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 13-15 are objected to based on the use of the term "and" at line 3 of Claim 13 and at line 15 of Claim 14. The Office also objects to the use of the term "and" before "N-oxides" in Claims 13-15. It is the position of the Office that deleting these terms will result in proper Markush terminology and that correction is required. With the instant amendment, the claims have been amended to delete these terms.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 9, and 14 have also been amended to correct minor typographical errors.

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Accordingly, entry of the present amendment, reconsideration of all grounds of objection and rejection, withdrawal thereof, and passage of this application to issue are all hereby respectfully solicited.

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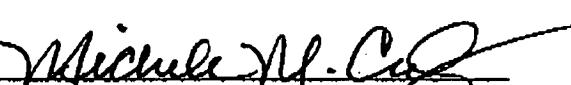
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It should be apparent that the undersigned agent has made an earnest effort to place this application into condition for immediate allowance. If she can be of assistance to the Examiner in the elimination of any possibly-outstanding insignificant impediment to an immediate allowance, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call her at her below-listed number for such purpose.

Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Listing of Claims

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THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY FURTHER OR ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED (DUE TO OMISSION, DEFICIENCY, OR OTHERWISE), OR TO CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT, TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 08,3220.

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